



Headteacher's Message



It was wonderful to welcome all our pupils back this week and to see so many happy smiling faces in the playground. It has been a busy and fulfilling week with our beginning of term Masses and our Lower Sixth Welcome day. Let's hope that this academic year is going to be a rewarding one for all members of our community.

I look forward to next week when we can once again have our traditional Upper Third Welcome Mass on Tuesday along with Tutor Evening on Thursday.

I would also encourage you to look at our College website where the new co-curricular timetable is now published and discuss the various options with your children. <https://sbcm.co.uk/parent-information/co-curricular/co-curricular-timetables/>

Enjoy your weekend

Mrs S Pike
Headteacher

Theme of the Week



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New Beginnings

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."
2 Corinthians 5:17



Prayer:
Father, you call us together at the beginning of this new school year.
We ask you to send your spirit upon us that, as the days and terms unfold, we may be always aware of your presence and alert to opportunities to see and serve you in those around us.

We entrusted all our learning to you.
In all that we do and say,
we pray that, in building up the community of our school, we may contribute to the betterment of society and to the Kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, for your greater glory.
Amen.

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Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 23 September

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Welcome to the Upper Third



Sixth Form Bonding Day

'At the end of a busy first week, the Lower Sixth have had an opportunity to have a day away from regular lessons in order to bond socially and to participate in a range of enrichment activities.

After an informal assembly given by Dr McMonagle, the students experienced three different enrichment activities. Firstly, they received an academic induction in the Library provided by Mrs Poolton, our College Librarian. In this session, the students learned more about advanced study skills and the ways to navigate online resources. Following this, they attended a Spiritual Reflection provided by our College Chaplain, Mrs Hibbert. The day was capped off with something new: the students were taught Circus Skills by The Circus House, Manchester; their activities in this session included plate spinning, juggling, skipping and tumbling. Whilst the weather was too inclement to permit a BBQ outside, the students enjoyed the BBQ food provided in our Sixth Form Centre at lunch (as did our Senior Sixth)! The day ended with Holy Mass for the combined Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth.

'The Lower Sixth should be tired tonight but they should have had a rewarding day.'

Mr Rose



RADA

The Drama Department at St Bede's has been thrilled this week with news from Old Bedian Tom Lyons (class of 2013) that, after 8 long years of trying, he has finally been accepted into RADA, the #1 acting school in the country.

Tom really blossomed during his time as an A Level Drama student and claims that encouragement from Mrs Alderson and Miss Cochran inspired him to pursue his dreams.

It's not uncommon for the best Drama schools to send promising young candidates away until they have more "experience of life" and many fall by the wayside. But not our Tom whose life experience was bolstered not only by community projects run by the Royal Exchange but also by a series of temporary jobs.

Tom has many happy memories of his time at St Bede's particularly the A-level Drama theatre trips and the productions which allowed him to hone his craft. He is grateful to have been able to participate in a range of shows from serious plays such as The Accrington Pals and Bang Bang Bang (a very challenging play about aid workers in a war-torn country) to fun and games as one of the gangsters in Kiss Me Kate.

We look forward to hearing how he gets on with his training and hope one day to persuade him to come into school to run some workshops for the next generation of Bedian actors.



Success for Upper Fourth Enterprise Students

Huge congratulations to the 20/21 cohort of Y9 students who took part in the Business and Economics department Enterprise competition. As well as having great fun, they put in a massive effort and learned a lot about running a business whilst developing key entrepreneurial and transferable skills such as creativity, leadership, organisation, teamworking and financial management.

The teams worked independently and it wasn't all plain sailing, but they overcame their challenges. In only 5 weeks, even with summer exams and COVID restrictions in place, they managed to achieve a whopping £2442.79 revenue between them. This resulted in an overall net profit margin of 55% - which any company would be immensely proud of!



Special congratulations must go to Team CMJ, our winning team, ably lead by Dara, who developed and used their digital marketing skills, forcing Mrs Corbett to upskill on e-commerce platforms including paypal and shopify, in order to maximise their sales.

Some of the profits have been reinvested into funding next year's competition, where the incoming Y9's will have a lot to live up to, and the students very generously donated £500 to the Lewis Moody Foundation to support research into brain tumours.

Well done to all involved. We're very much looking forward to seeing what the next crop of budding Entrepreneurs will achieve!

Welcome Back from Mrs Hunt

We were delighted to welcome our pupils back to school on Monday, especially our new pupils who have all settled in so well! It was also our pleasure to invite parents back to the Prep and meet with those who were able to join us at Welcome Evening.

We look forward to a positive year ahead, continuing to help our pupils grow spiritually, culturally, morally and academically.

I would like to share with you a recent tweet from Pope Francis; @Pontifex which reflects perfectly the ethos of our College:

“Education is one of the most effective ways of making our world and history more human. Education is above all a matter of love and responsibility handed down from one generation to another.”



Prep 6 Visit the Marist Centre

Prep 6 enjoyed their first trip of the year on Tuesday: a day of reflection at the Marist Centre in Chorlton. As the pupils embark on their final year in the Prep, they have considered their responsibilities at the top of the school - responsibilities to God, their teachers, other pupils, their families and themselves. The pupils reverently addressed these areas through poster work, role play, prayer and liturgy, using the concept of a key as the way to open themselves to responsibility and mindfulness of others. A fantastic time was had by all and the pupils certainly have plenty to consider as they look forward to their journey through Prep 6.





Stars of the Week



Housepoint Winners



Class of the Week - Prep 3



Monday Motivation



Word of the week

Belief

RECEPTION **JOHN**
PREP 1 **AIDAN**
PREP 2 **FRANCISCO**
PREP 2 **JIMENA**
PREP 4 **ENYA**
PREP 5C **JESSICA**
PREP 5J **ARIANA**

